

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, March 28, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman via telephone
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Will Rosquist, Eric Eck, Kate Whitney

(125) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.2.14, NWE's application for advanced approval of proposed Judith Gap wind contract:

Commissioner Raney moved to overrule Exergy's objection to staff action relative to data requests. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved to deny NWE's motion to deny intervention to PPL MT and Exergy. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel
Utility Division

(126) In the matter of Qwest Communication Corporation seeking approval of QCC's tariff Transmittal QCC05-02 in Docket No. N2005.3.28:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve QCC's Tariff Transmittal QCC05-02 in Docket No. N2005.3.28. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

(127) In the matter of Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 05-07 proposing to Grandfather certain business packages and introduce new ones in Docket No. N2005.3.30:

Commissioner Raney moved to Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 05-07 in Docket No. N2005.3.30. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby
Utility Division

(128) In the matter of Qwest Services Corporation Tariff Transmittal 05-AC01- Docket No. N2005.3.25:

Commissioner Raney moved to accept Tariff Transmittal 05-AC01 in Docket No. N2005.3.25. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

(129) In the matter of Hot Springs Telephone Company proposed changes to Hot Springs Company Low Income Telephone Assistance Program- Docket No. N2005.3.32:

Commissioner Schneider moved to accept the proposed changes to Hot Springs Company Low Income Telephone Assistance Program in Docket No. N2005.3.32. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(130) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 28, 2005. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

Mike Lee, Utility Division

(131) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid Rivers Cellular (MRC) Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in the study of Mid Rivers Telephone Cooperative and Range Telephone Cooperative- Docket No. D2003.8.105:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve and issue the final order with the editing changes suggested by Commissioner Raney. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 3-1. Commissioner Schneider voted no.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney

Utility Division

(132) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff travel:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Marla's travel to attend the CREPC meeting April 19-21 in San Jose, CA. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator

Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(133) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Badlands, Inc. dba Badlands Taxi, Miles City, MT PSC 417- Docket No. TN 2256.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve a 25-cent per fare fuel surcharge for 90 days, effective March 30, 2005. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Commissioner Raney was absent from this work session but later voted yes.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman via telephone
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Martin Jacobson, Al Brogan,

(134) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Legislative Matters:

Commissioner Raney moved to oppose HB 794. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved to have Commissioner Jergeson represent the PSC on the Montana Information Technology Board. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Will Rosquist, Al Brogan, Leroy Beeby

(135) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE's Application for advanced approval of proposed Judith Gap wind contract - D2005.2.14:

Commissioner Raney moved to adopt draft order 6633b as a final order subject to the final edits discussed during the work session. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, March 31, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Gary Duncan, Leroy Beeby

(136) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 05-06 – Residence and Business Competitive Response Promotions:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve Qwest's request. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion. This motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve tariff transmittal – 05-06 contained in N2005.3.25 until the Commission has issued a final order in D2004.8.135. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Schneider was absent from this work session, but later voted aye.

(137) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest – Competitive Response Tariff Filing – D2004.8.135:

Commissioner Raney moved to deny Qwest's motion for interim approval of tariffs contained in D2004.8.135. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Schneider was absent from this work session, but later voted aye.

Commissioner Raney moved to sustain One Eighty's objection to Qwest's data request #11 in D2004.8.135. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Schneider was absent from this work session, but later voted aye.

Commissioner Raney moved to sustain One Eighty's objection to Qwest's data request #12 in D2004.8.135. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Schneider was absent from this work session, but later voted aye.

Commissioner Mood moved to sustain One Eighty's objection to Qwest's data request #15 and #16 in D2004.8.135. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Schneider was absent from this work session, but later voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)